

men to go to Terdegthem tomorrow (Sunday) to take part in a church parade. I instructed Lieutenant Warfield and seven squads of E. Company to go there representing our better drilled men.

(Enclosure in diary)

10-8-18, 1:00 p.m.

Col. Pratt:

General Godby will present a medal to one of his men this evening at 6:00. Will call for you about 5:30. Requests that this office notify his office upon your return if you can go. Remembers a remark you made that you would like to witness such an event.

B.

At 5:30 p.m. I went with General Godby to the Foreway Company Camp and witnessed the presentation of the Medal of Bravery to Corporal West. It was an impressive exercise and I felt proud of the man. After the presentation the General and I inspected the Company. I have one platoon with the Company but today all but five of them were at work up at the front. The five men were in the parade. The Corporal received his medal for taking charge of a train on the Foreway Railroad when the engineer had been killed and the assistant badly wounded by a shell, and bringing the train into Camp. He undoubtedly saved the lives of many, as the train was bringing back troops from the front. The train was under shell fire for some time after he took charge.

The ride to the camp was over new roads to me, after leaving International Corner. This gave me a chance to see new country and become acquainted with more roads and railways. I am becoming very familiar with this section and location of landmarks, which some day may be of considerable value to me. I reached home about seven o'clock in time for supper. Right after supper I studied the map of the Montdidier section for some time and plotted the advance the French and British troops had made.

This p.m. the atmosphere has been remarkably clear and well suited for observation. We counted 14 of our observation balloons in the air at one time and 4 of the German balloons. The Germans were firing shrapnel shells at several of ours, but did not come close enough to them to cause them to come down.

While en route to the Foreway Camp, we saw the Germans shell one of the observation balloons. They did not hit it but they came so close that it was thought wise to bring the balloon down before any more shells came over.